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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

When I ran for the Mississippi House of Representatives, one of the issues that I campaigned on was job creation. One of my proudest accomplishments as an Alderman in Oxford, MS, was working with former Governor Haley Barbour on the Winchester Project which brought 1000 new jobs to Lafayette County.

It is natural then, that when I learn about a project that creates new jobs *and* brings new, much-needed technology to the state, I want to do everything that I can to make it succeed. That is why I proudly voted yes on HR 19 in the Mississippi House, and resolved along with my colleagues to explore the integration of satellite and existing wireline technology to bring affordable broadband to Mississippi. LightSquared's business plan will create 10,000 new jobs while bringing broadband access to 26 million rural Americans – 500,000 of which are in my state.

This technology is a win-win. It creates new jobs; it provides much-needed technology; and it provides relief to our country's strained wireless infrastructure. Rather than closing the door on this multi-billion dollar private investment, I encourage you to consider relocating LightSquared's licensed authority to another suitable band of spectrum. Don't forsake the ten years of research and development that LightSquared has already invested; rather, find a solution that will allow GPS and LightSquared to co-exist. Mississippi needs them both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Mayo".

Brad Mayo
State Representative, District 12